

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 to 6 and 17 to 21 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus comprising:

a reception unit constructed to receive content data and content list data via a network, the content list data including information, which includes a content name, for specifying each of a plurality of receivable contents data on the receiving apparatus;

a content processing unit constructed to process the content data received by the reception unit to generate video and audio data;

a generating unit constructed to generate a content list based on the content list data received by the reception unit, for displaying the content name of each of the plurality of receivable contents data in a list format;

an output unit constructed to output the content list generated by the generating unit, and the video and audio data to a display apparatus; and

a control unit constructed to generate rank information indicating a time period from a selection of the content in the content list by a user until a start of viewing the content,

wherein the control unit controls to measure a first time period from the selecting of each of a plurality of contents data to be received until a start of actually receiving the selected content data, and a second time period until meeting a capacity capable of starting to decode of the received content data, and controlling to stop the

receiving of the content data, and generates the rank information of each of the contents included in the content list, according to a total time of the measured first and second time periods and a transmission rate of the content data, and estimate a time until each of the content data becomes viewable, based on processing of each of the content data included in the content list, and to generate link information with an associated ranking indicating easiness of connection based on the estimated time;

wherein the generating unit generates the content list which relates displays the link rank information of each content data to the content name of each content data.

2. to 6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control unit judges that reception is impossible in the case in which a time required for a procedure for receiving a predetermined amount of the content data has exceeded a predetermined time, and the generating unit generates the content list including information indicating that the reception is impossible.

8. (Previously Presented) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reception unit is capable of receiving N pieces of the content data in parallel with each other, and the control unit detects the time for the N pieces of the content data in parallel with each other, which are received by the reception unit in parallel with each other among the plural content data.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) A receiving apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the reception unit has a storage unit which is capable of storing a predetermined amount of the N pieces of the content data, respectively, and the control unit controls the reception unit so as to store the predetermined N pieces of the content data among the plural content data in the storage unit.

11. to 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A receiving method performed by a receiving apparatus, comprising the steps of:

receiving content data and content list data via a network, the content list data including information, which includes a content name, for specifying each of a plurality of receivable contents data on the receiving apparatus;

processing the content data received by the receiving step, to generate video and audio data;

generating a content list, based on the content list data received in the receiving step, for displaying the content name of each of the plurality of receivable contents data in a list format;

outputting the generated content list, the video data, and the audio data to a display apparatus; and

controlling to generate rank information indicating a time period from a selection of the content in the content list by a user until a start of viewing the content,

wherein the control step includes steps of performing control to measure a first time period from the selecting of each of a plurality of contents data to be received until a start of actually receiving the selected content data, and a second time period until meeting a capacity capable of starting to decode the received content data, performing control to stop the receiving of the content data, and generating the rank information of each of the contents included in the content list, according to a total time of the measured first and second time periods and a transmission rate of the contents data, and

estimating a time until each of the content data becomes viewable, based on processing of each of the content data included in the content list, and generating link information with an associated ranking indicating easiness of connection based on the estimated time;

wherein, in the generating step, the content list ~~which displays data is generated such that~~ the link rank information of each content data ~~is related~~ to the content name of each content data is generated.

17. to 21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A receiving method according to claim 16, wherein, in the estimating control step, it is judged that reception is impossible in the case in which a time required for a procedure for receiving a predetermined amount of the content data has exceeded a predetermined time, and

in the generating step, the content list is generated to include information indicating that the reception is impossible.

23. (Currently Amended) A receiving method according to claim 16, wherein, in the receiving step, it is capable of receiving N pieces of the content data in parallel with each other, and the estimating control step detects the time for the N pieces of the content data in parallel with each other, which are received in the receiving step in parallel with each other among the plural content data.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A receiving method according to claim 23, wherein the receiving step comprises a storage step in which it is capable of storing a predetermined amount of the N pieces of the content data, respectively, and, in the estimating control step, it is controlled to store the predetermined N pieces of the content data among the plural content data in a storage unit.

26. (Canceled)